



VILLAGE OF ELBURN
TREE BOARD AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

7:00 PM OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comments
4. Approve Tree Board Minutes from November 2, 2021
5. Discuss:
 - a. National Arbor Day Celebration – Saturday, April 30, 2022 – 10:00am
 - Arbor Day Proclamation
 - Tree City USA/Arbor Day Press Release
 - In-Person Celebration
 - Elburn Station Community Park – 714 Keslinger Rd
 - Reading of “Trees” poem by Joyce Kilmer
 - Planting of Tree
 - b. Tree City USA Approval – 23rd Year
 - Elburn has been awarded Tree City USA for the 23rd year in a row
 - c. Spring 2022 Tree Planting & Removals Schedule
 - d. FY 2023 Tree Planting & Removals Schedule
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ELBURN TREE BOARD
NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Members Present: Commissioners Dave Anderson, Ryan Anderson, Chairwoman Carolyn Jansons, Chris Mulvihill, Drew Peters, Brian Techter

Members Absent: Rob Houtz

Staff Members Present: Village Administrator John Nevenhoven, Building Commissioner Tom Brennan, Public Works Supt Phil VanBogaert, Village Attorney Bill Thomas

Others Present:

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Jansons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Chairwoman Jansons led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call – A roll call ensued.
4. Public Comment –
5. Approve Tree Board Minutes from October 5, 2021 – A motion to approve was made by Mulvihill and seconded by Dave Anderson. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. Discuss:
 - a. Review Fall Planting and Removal Schedule – A draft of the Fall 2021 Tree Planting/Removal/Stump Grinding list was provided to the Board for their review. Some overgrown nuisance bushes located at the SW corner of IL Route 47 and W Reader Street was discussed. The bushes are causing a very dangerous visibility issue on a State Highway. Public Works will address. A tree in very bad condition on W Reader Street was also discussed. This tree may be on private property. It hangs over the roadway and could be very dangerous. Public Works will investigate this tree and will report it to the Village's Code Enforcement Officer in the event it is on private property.
 - b. Tree City USA Application Due by December 31, 2021 – Paperwork for this year's Tree City USA application will be completed and submitted by December 31, 2021.
7. Other Business – None
8. Adjourn – Commissioner Ryan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. with Commissioner Techter seconding the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane McQuilkin
Village Clerk



Village of Elburn
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PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day – 150th Anniversary

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, 2022 is the 150th anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeffrey D. Walter, President of the Village of Elburn, does hereby proclaim Saturday, April 30th, 2022 as the 23rd anniversary celebration of

Arbor Day

in the Village of Elburn, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2022

Mayor _____

From: [Tree City USA](#)
To: [Phil Vanbogaert](#)
Subject: EXTERNAL: Kicking Off 150 Years of Celebrating Trees
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 9:00:32 AM

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It's Going to Be a Good Year for Trees



You heard that right... 2022 marks the 150th birthday of a day we all love to celebrate: Arbor Day! Whether you are a member of a Tree Board, your community's urban forester, or a tree-loving citizen, you are a vital ambassador of Arbor Day to your community.

We can't wait to celebrate with you all year long. To kick it off, we challenge you with these questions:

- What can you dream up for the 150th Arbor Day celebration in your community?
- How can you go BIG to raise awareness for your urban forest and to engage your community around trees?
- How and when can you safely and creatively gather and/or engage with your community members in 2022? See below for guidance given the on-going Covid-19 pandemic.

We will be launching the **Tree City Center** for communities recognized as a Tree City in 2021. Your log-in information for the new digital resource center will be sent to you once your application is approved.

And speaking of applications – in 2022, the Arbor Day Foundation will be supporting more tree planting events, providing more resources, and engaging the Tree City network more than ever, so **if you haven't done so already, this is your last call to submit your 2021 application.**

Submit or Continue Your Application

Tree City USA Guidance on Arbor Day 2022

For calendar year 2022, an Arbor Day celebration and proclamation **will be required** to earn or maintain Tree City USA. There are many ways a community might meet this standard, including:

- An in-person gathering (e.g. community tree planting or festival)
- A virtual event (e.g. webinar or livestreamed tree planting)
- A social media post or campaign
- Mail outreach (e.g. A Right Tree, Right Place educational flier)
- A tree distribution
- Direct, in-person or virtual outreach or trainings (e.g. workshops educating community members about their community trees)

Proclamations should declare a local Arbor Day, and ideal celebrations will occur on or surrounding Arbor Day; however, it is not required for the celebration to occur on or surrounding Arbor Day.

Tree Ordinance Audit for Tree City USA Program

Beginning this year, the Arbor Day Foundation will be conducting an audit of tree ordinances submitted to the Tree City USA portal to make sure that they meet the current standard for a public tree care ordinance.

Why Is This Happening?

Many approved ordinances in the past do not meet the current, updated federal, state, and Arbor Day Foundation definition for a qualifying public tree care ordinance. Due to discrepancies in the past between the definitions, some community tree ordinances were grandfathered in. This audit is underway in order to ensure that Tree City USA communities have adopted the minimal required policies necessary to manage the urban forest.

What Does This Mean for My Tree City?

You will receive notice by June 2022 or sooner if your 2021 application ordinance does not meet the current standard. **This will not impact your 2021 Tree City USA recognition.**

What Can I Do Now?

You can review what you uploaded to your Tree City USA application for 2021. See if your ordinance checks the following boxes:

1. My community's ordinance assigns/delegates authority over public trees.
2. My community's ordinance provides clear guidance for planting, maintaining and/or removing public trees.
3. My community's ordinance is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year (not temporary).

Keep in mind, your community may have MORE information in your code to protect trees, which is great! But the three criteria above are the bare minimum to protect public trees and will be required for your Tree City USA application in the future.

If it checks all three boxes, you're good to go. If it does not, **you will need to update your ordinance.** Don't worry – your state coordinator and the Arbor Day Foundation are here to support you. If you update your ordinance by December 31, 2023, you'll be *automatically eligible* for a [Growth Award for Activities C1: Ordinance Clauses and C6: Policy or Plan Update](#), which are equivalent to the 10 points required to earn a Growth Award.

Wood You Look at That?

Eugene, New York City, and Pittsburgh Look at Repurposing Urban Wood

Have you ever watched those truckloads of wood debris or chips taking the remains of your city's trees (or campus trees) to the local landfill and wondered to yourself, "There must be a better way?" For many cities, there is. Cambium Carbon—with support from the Arbor Day Foundation and The Nature Conservancy—recently released three city case studies that analyzed the full cycle of woody debris from their city trees, with recommendations on how to create value from what is often considered 'waste.' See their vision for creating a Reforestation Hub—where woody debris is processed into higher-value products and sold to generate money for tree planting.

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April 18, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

ELBURN - The Village of Elburn has again qualified as a Tree City USA! Thanks to the support of the Village Trustees and the work of the Village Tree Board, this is the 23rd consecutive year that this honor has been bestowed on the Village. The Tree City USA program is a nationally sponsored certification program created and managed by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Elburn Station Community Park, located at 714 E Keslinger Rd, Elburn (almost directly across the street from Liberty Drive), to celebrate Arbor Day. Join your Village Officials, the Tree Board, Park Commission, the Cub Scouts, Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts and others in planting a tree in the park. There will be a short ceremony reading the Arbor Day proclamation, Joyce Kilmer's famous poem about trees, and an explanation of the importance of Arbor Day.

There are seven important reasons to plant trees; they conserve energy, they help clean the air, they provide habitat for songbirds, they can increase your home's value, they help keep our rivers and streams clean, they fight global warming, and they enhance the aesthetics of our community.

The Village appreciates the generosity of Doty Nurseries LLC, Maple Park, for the donation of this year's Arbor Day Tree.

(Note to Press: for further information, contact Phil Van Bogaert at publicworks@elburn.il.us)